THEATRICAL OFFERINGS FOR THE NEW-YORK PUBLIC THIS WEEK.

nother war play is at hand, and by the author of a former successful war play. It is "Secret Service," by William Gillette, which will be seen for the first time in this city at the Garrick Theatre to-morrow night. Mr. Gillette will himself appear in it, and he has a company made up of Joseph Brennan, Miss Ida Waterman, Miss Amy Busby, Walter Thomas, Miss Odette Tyler, M. L. Alsop, Campbell Gollan, Miss Meta Brittain, Francis Neilsen, Miss Alice Leigh, H. D. James, W. B. Smith, Morey, Donald Maclaren, Martin Schultz, Frederick Maynard, Raymond Buchan, J. W. Waterbury, Ira Hards, Charles G. Stevens, W. E. Hyde, O. A. Boothby, Harry Motto, J. C. Stevenson and James Rickard. Louis Duval, I. N. Drew, Henry Wilton, H. A.

E. H. Sothern's engagement at the Lyceum Theatre in "An Enemy to the King" will continue for six weeks more, after which the stock company of the theatre will return for its tenth annual winter season. The Lyceum Company opens to-morrow night in San Francisco, in "The Pris-oner of Zenda."

"Rosemary" is to monopolize John Drew's stage attention all this season. The talk of sending to Australia with it next summer has ned. He will continue to play Sir Jasper Thorndyke until next spring, when he will go to Thorndyke until next spring, when he was go parope. The outcome of this trip may be the production by Mr. Drew in London of the next play in which he will be seen at the Empire here, for Mr. Frohman has an English dramatist at work upon a play especially for him, and if the present promises of the piece are realized when the work is finished, he will give it a London production with John Drew in the character provided for him.

Francis Wilson is half through his engagement at the Knickerbocker Theatre. If the second half of it proves as prosperous as the first, he and his managers will have every reason to feel satisfied with the results. "Half a King" takes its place among the most popular of Mr. Wilson's productions.

At the Bijou Theatre to-morrow night a new farce by F. A. Du Souchet, entitled "My Friend from India," will be played for the first time in this city. seen in Philadelphia, Brooklyn and one or two other places, and has been generally well re-ceived. The company is headed by Fred Bond and further includes Edward S. Abeles, Waiter E. Per-kins, Charles Arthur, John F. Duncan, Frank G. Parry, John Finn, Miss Marion Giroux, Miss Kenyon Bishop, Miss Louise Galloway, Miss Helen Reimer and Miss May Vokes.

"Lost, Strayed or Stolen," at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, shares in the general prosperity which has marked the opening of the new theatrical season. It draws large houses and the announcement of its indefinite continuance is put forth.

Mr. Conried feels encouraged by the result of the opening of the Irving Place Theatre with "My Official Wife," and he will continue that play through the week. There will be a matinee on Saturday at

The Liliputians have surprised their managers by the prosperity which they have met at the Star Their new musical spectacle, "Merry has amused large audiences for the last week, and is said to be the most promising of all

The bright pictures and the music of "The Geisha" at Daly's Theatre cause the people to come in great numbers and to go away highly pleased. Several of the actors and singers have become favorities in their parts-notably, Miss Violet Lloyd, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Sampson.

Miss Georgia Cayvan will reappear before the New-York public to-morrow night at Palmer's Theatre in a play by W. R. Walkes called "Mary Pennington Spinster." She will play the title part, and will have the assistance of Miss Anne Sutherland, Miss Mary Jerroki, Miss Winifred McCauli, Miss Kate Ten Eyck, Miss Louise Palmer, George Woodward, Frank Atherley, Orrin Johnson, Alfred Brown and Lionel Barrymore.

The present week will be the last of the engagement of Sue at Hoyt's Theatre. Next week the play will begin a road tour. It will be followed at Hoyt's by a new play entitled "A Florida Enchani-ment," the actors engaged for which are Miss Marie Jansen, "Dan" Collyer, Miss May Haines, Clarence Heritage, W. Melville, Miss Grace Huntington, Miss Effe Germon, A. Roberts, Miss Carrie Collyer and Frank Campbell. ment of "Sue" at Hoyt's Theatre. Next week

At the Broadway Theatre Jefferson De Angelis wil begin to-morrow the sixth week of his New-York engagement in "The Caliph."

The burlesque "Evangeline," now twenty-one years old, has taken up its abiding place for a years one, has taken up its abiding place for itime at the Garden Theatre, where the effort is made to entertain a new generation of theatres goers with old forms of pleasure, touched up here and there with new decorations. Mr. Dixey appears as the Lone Fisherman. He is soon to introduce a sleight-of-hand specialty.

Edward Harrigan will spend the present week at the Harlem Opera House, where he will present the last of his own plays, "Marty Malone," which has just had a run of several weeks at the Bijou Theatre.

House this week It is a vaudevillie company headed by the strong man, who will exhibit some of his most interesting feats of strength. The programme in addition will include the Rossow midgets, in their weight-lifting and boxing contests; Alcide Capitaine, Wood and Shepard, Jesse Merriles, soubrette; Mandola, in juggling feats on a revolving globe, and Muldoon, the wrestling propry

A new play, entitled "Human Hearts," is announced as the attraction at the Columbus Theatre for this week.

"Marguerite" has gone from the Olympia Music Hall and the flying ballet will be seen there this week in a little spectacle of its own called "The Spirits of the Air of the Blue Grotto of Capri. It has name enough at all events. The Polusk Brothers have just been imported, and will make their first appearance to-morrow night. Amann mimic, and Dutch Daly remain. Papinta will her fre and mirror dances, and the programme be filled out by Kitty Mitchell, DeBessel, clay deller; A. O. Duncan, ventriloquist; Miss Polly mes and Kriesel's dog circus. Mr. Hammerin's operetta, "Santa Maria," is continued in theatre, and has been drawing large houses.

"Under the Polar Star" will remain at the Academy of Music for three weeks more, and will the give way to the new Mapleson opera company and will go to Chicago. The liftleth performance will occur on October 12, and there will be souvenirs.

Evans and Hoey and "A Parlor Match" continue to amuse the audiences at the Herald Square The atre. Miss Anna Held appears each night, a varies her selections of songs from time to time

& Bial's Music Hall hope to startle the town to-morrow night is "Lona Barrison and the Barrison Sisters." They have been imported for this hall, although they began their career in this country. Miss Lona Barrison performs a horseback act and the rest of the sisters sing. Miss Clisty Flitzerald and the most of the entertainers of last

Little Miss Ena Bartoldi, the contortionist, make her first appearance at Proctor's Pleasure Palace Edison's vitascope still continues the most attractive of all the features at this popular



place of amusement. Ten views are shown. Others in the big bill are Spink and Spink, comical acrobats; the Quinns, Lizzie B. Raymond, the Bootblack Quintet, James Felbrook, Emory and Nordine, Jerome and Alexis, Waller and Waller, Ruby Lytton, vocalist; Dan Reegan, the Urline sisters, duettists; May Hughes, soprano: Stewart and Cooper, and Lillian Delacre, serio-comic. The vita-scope will be shown in the concert to-day.

The vitascope remains the most potent attraction at Proctor's Theatre, Twenty-third-st. New views will be shown this week. Heading the vaudeville bill at this house are Ara, Kebra and Vera, acrobuts, and Jones and Robinson, on the parallel bars. The six Reinhard sisters also appear at this house to-morrow in a sketch called "The Waif's Luck." in which they introduce dances. The bill for this week includes Freddie Huke, English character change artist; Roach and Castleton, Collins and O'Brien, Barney and Russiel, George Blackley, Lillian May T. Lawrence, Max Kahler, bicyclist; Edward Eggelstron and Nolan and McShane.

The daily afternoon and evening concerts are continued at the Eden Musee, and there are abundant waxworks exhibited for those who choose that method of studying the history and condition of the world.

George W. Monroe comes to the Fourteenth Street Theatre to-morrow for an engagement of one week, presenting his latest farce, "A Happy Little Home." The company includes Miss Dorothy Drew, Miss Eva Randolph, Miss Annie Lloyd, John H. W. Byrne, Colonel Ward Bechtel, Charles and Minerva Burrows and Herbert Flansberg.

the benefit of the Actors' Order of Friendship at the Academy of Music on Thursday afternoon is carried out it will be a tremendous affair. It will be as for those who want to enjoy it to take their luncheon baskets with them. Here are some, but not all, of the attractions offered: Joseph Jefferson, supported by John Jack, Walter Howard, Joseph Warren, W. Wilkins, M. Odlin, Miss Mary Shaw and Miss Nannette Comstock, in "Lend Me Five Shillings"; three seenes from "Julius Caesar," in which W. H. Crane will appear as Brutus, Suart Robson as Cassius, Joseph Haworth as Marc Antony, William Courtleigh as Julius Caesar, Miss Marie Wainwright as Calphurnia, C. W. Couldock as Casca and Horace Lewis as the soothsayer; Francis Wilson and his company, Jefferson De Angells, the Liliputlans, Mile, Anna Held, Miss Loie Fuller, Evans and Hoey, Louis Aldrich, Miss Nellie Me-Henry, Miss Cissy Fitzgerald, Eugene Stratton, Maurice Barrymore, Wilton Lackaye, Miss Virginia Earle, Weber and Fields, "Bobby" Gaylor, Miss Lottie Gilson, Fred Hallen and Miss Molly Fuller, John T. Kelly, Ross and Fenton, Julius Wilmark, fourth act of "Under the Polar Star," selections from "Lost, Strayed or Stolen," and Clay Greene's "On the Rialto." Wilkins, M. Odlin, Miss Mary Shaw

pear in the city in the course of the season, is Miss Oriska Worden, a niece of Rear-Admiral John L. Worden, of the Monitor.

Miss Bertha Waltzinger, formerly prima donna of the Bostonians and of De Wolf Hopper's company will occupy a like place in the De Koven and Smith

This week the new Murray Hill Theatre will be completed. It will be, it is said, one of the hand-somest and safest places of amusement in this city. The dressing-rooms are in a separate building. Mr. Murtha says that upward of 400 seats and several boxes have already been taken for the opening on October 19, when the Bostonians will be heard in "Mexico," an operetta new to this city.

fore Home at One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth-st. and the Boulevard attended the performance of the Weber and Fields spectacular company at the Co-lumbus Theatre yesterday afternoon, by invitation of Oscar Hammerstein.

Fifty of the sick and infirm children of the Monte

A professional matinee of "Evangeline" is announced to take place at the Garden Theatre on Wednesday.

Charles Frohman and W. A. Brady have arranged to take several of their theatrical attractions to Australia next summer. Among them will probably be "Too Much Johnson," "The Gay Parisians," Maurice Barrymore and his company, "Under the Polar Star," and Miss Loie Fuller.

ARRESTED ON THE CAMPANIA.

AN ALLEGED PROVIDENCE EMBEZZLER FINDS THE POLICE WAITING FOR HIM.

William E. Smith, Providence agent of the Berk shire Life Insurance Company, who is alleged to have embezzled \$1,200 of the company's money, was arrested on the Campania yesterday when the Cunard steamship arrived at her pier. Smith was in England when his defalcation was discovered. He wrote a letter to his wife in Providence anhouncing that he was coming to New-York on the Campania. The Providence police learned of this and sent word to the New-York police to arrest Smith when the steamer reached port. He was arraigned in the Centre Street Police Court yester-day afternoon and remanded to Police Headquar-ters to await requisition papers from Providence.

THE INSCRIPTION FITTED THE CASE.

AN ELEVATED TRAIN INCIDENT WHICH AMUSED

town elevated train yesterday afternoon. It was just at the hour when the trains are about half filled, so the aisles were not crowded and every one in the car got a good view. At Thirty-third st. a messenger-boy staggered into the car carrying a huge package. The wrapper had been damaged in transit, and the boy was pretty well tired out from lugging it. Once inside the car he pulled himself together and began to straighten it out. He sat down in one of the double seats and carefully unwrapped his bundle. It proved to be a huge stand of flowers, evidently intended for a funeral, as it was shaped like a "Gates Ajar," across the face of which was a kind of banner with the words, "At Rest."

After the boy had unwrapped the bundle he

found that he could not retie it to his satisfaction, so he threw the paper out of the window, drew a cheap novel from his pocket and was soon lost in the story. Then, as the light was bad, to get nearer to the window he picked up the floral piece and set it down on the seat immediately behind him. A broad grin at once overspread the face of the guard. He walked through the car, chuckling to the guard. He walked through the car, chuckling to himself, and brought the guard on duty in the next car back with him. In the middle of the alsie they stopped and hugged themselves with silent laughter. The passengers at first watched the two men, won-deringly. Then they suddenly saw the humor in the situation and laughed. The boy in shifting his floral piece was so engrossed in his book that he did not look closely where he placed it. On the seat behind him a man had fallen asleep with his mouth open. He was lying almost at full length, the flowers resting serenely upon him, so that his head protruded half-way through the "Gates Alar." When the laughter broke out the man opened his eyes and straightened up. The floral work fell on the car floor. He glanced stupidly at it, and the whole situation seemed to dawn upon him. He gave the flowers a vicious kick and strode into the next car. The crowd laughed again, but the messenger-boy still continued deep in the thrilling story he was reading. floral piece was so engrossed in his book that he

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE ON THE STEAMERS.

There arrived on the Cunard steamship Campania There arrived on the Cunara steamship Campania yesterday, besides the Papal Delegate, Archbishop Martinelli, the author J. M. Barrie and Thomas Lloyd, the Editor of "The London Statist"; Frank Brown, Colonel S. C. Bushnell, Leopold Cohn, Charles Dana, John F. Dillon, Lewis D. Einstein, Calonel S. Barten, Franch, the Rev. Dr. D. M. Green. Charles Dana, John F. Dillon, Lewis D. Einstein, Colonel S. Barton French, the Rev. Dr. D. H. Greer, the Rev. James J. Kane, chaplain U. S. N.; Count Macola, the Bishop of Nassau, Percy Sanderson, Her British Majesty's Consul at New-York, and the Rev. E. Wallop.

Rev. E. Wallop.

The Hamburg-American Line steamer Augusta Victoria, which arrived in this port early yesterday morning from Hamburg, had among her passengers the Rev. R. J. Alsop, Frederick de Bary, Charles F. Brown, Stanley Dwight, James C. Hoyt, Ben All Haggin, Consul S. D. C. Henriques, Carl Lemberg, Dr. W. L. Lask, Dr. Ludwig Mayer, H. H. Nathan, Professor J. M. Pelree, Consul T. Ritschl and Professor Vandermissen.

The American Line steamship Paris, which had on board an unusually large company of passengers, the most prominent of whom were published in yesterday's Tribure, reached port early yesterday morning after a rough voyage.

The French Line steamship La Bretagne, which also made port yesterday, brought among her passengers B. Amblard, the Rev. James H. Blenk, Mrs. J. Bayard Backus, Alfred Binsse de Saint Victor, Carroll Brewster, Baron de Boutray, André Augustin Forget, Brother Maurelius and Captain M. M. Wyndhan, British Consul at Barcelona.

MR. LOCKWOOD RETURNS.

Homer N. Lockwood, of this city, well known in financial circles, returned last week from his latest voyage around the world, leaving few lands unexplored. He will devote himself from this time for-ward until election to the success of McKinley and A FARM DEFINED.

From The Kansas City Star. A Kansas giri, the daughter of a Greenwood County rancher, was sent Fast to school this fall. "What do you know, my child?" the head teacher asked her. "Oh, farming," the new pupil replied. "Well, tell me what is a farm." "A farm is a body of land surrounded by a barb wire fence," the little maid said. JUSTICE WAKING UP.

PRISONERS WILL SOON HAVE A CHANCE TO BE TRIED.

APPROACHING RENEWAL OF ACTIVITY IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS, AFTER A LONG REST FOR

A great change in the activity of the courts in the big building at Centre and Franklin sts. is expected this week. The expensive machinery of justiceted this week. The expensive machinery of justiceted this week. rected this week. The expensive machinery of justice, which has been running so slowly there all summer that it actually stopped for a whole week separating the guilty from the innocent and sendand the State prisons. There has been a large accumulation of grist in the Tombs while the millers and engineers have been having a play Prisoners awaiting trial in the Court of General Sessions have been locked up two in a cell for weeks and months. The overcrowding of the prison is regarded by many New-Yorkers as a scandal, in view of the enormous expense of the courts and of the District-Attorney's office.

There are four parts of the Court of General Ses-sions which will be in operation this week, and there will also be open the Criminal Branen of the Supreme Court, in the same building. If the District-Attorney and his assistants are ready to mer long the Criminal Branch of the Supreme of General Sessions were open at any time, while acting business, and for a whole week the business stopped entirely. The stagnation was not due to lack of business for the courts to attend to, but was due entirely to the indisposition of the Judges and of the District-Attorney and his assistants to To begin with, the Judges and District-Attorney

made a rule not to try ball cases, or any murder cases, or any other cases which might take long to try in warm weather. Only a low tail cases could cases, or any other cases whice might take long to try, in warm weather. Only a wy juil cases could be tried when most of the Judges were away in the country or at the seaside. Never were the Judges known to take longer vacations than during the last summer. Colonel Fellows was out of the city for weeks and weeks. He went to the Chicago Convention, which nominated Bryan and Sewall, and he went to the Indianapolis Convention, which nominated Parlmer and Buckner, and he travelled North, East, South and West to make political speeches. Most of his assistants were enjoying long vacations, either in the city or away from it, and the Criminal Courts Building was aimost deserted.

Meanwhile Warden Van de Carr has been setting up two-story bunks in the cells in the Tombs to hold the prisoners Many of the orisoners have complained that they were obliged to share their cells and beds with filing persons. Some of the prisoners would get out on ball if they could find bondsmen, and some would not be admitted to ball in any amount. All have to stay in the overcrowded prison until their cases can be renched in the courts and they are convicted or acquitted.

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' FAIR.

WELL-KNOWN MEN HELPING ALONG THE DRUM-MERS' CHARITABLE EFFORT.

The commercial travellers are taking as a class an unprecedented interest in the Presidential campaign, as their enthusiastic meetings and pilgrimages to the homes of the Presidential candidates show. Politics has not stopped their taking orders for the firms they represent, however, and while attending to both they still find time to boom the Commercial Travellers' Fair, to be held from De ember 15 to 28 at Madison Square Garden. fair, if successful in its aim to raise \$150,000, will complete the National Commercial Travellers' Home at Binghamton, N. Y. Chauncey M. Depew is president of the Hon-

Mayor George E. Green, of the orary Committee. Mayor George E. Green, of the city of Binghamton, a president of the Commercial Travellers' Home Association of America, and Colo nel A. B. de Frece is director-general of the fair. The Honorary Committee of 1,000, comprised of the representative leaders in business of every State, also includes many men well known in National Among those who have manifested an especial interest in the drummers' fair and its home building project are Roswell P. Flower, Powell Clayton, Levi P. Morton, James K. Jones, M. A. Hanna, John G. Carlisle, Elwood Furnas president of the National Farmers' Alliance, General Horace Porter, Major-General Daniel E. Sickles, John Wanamaker, George P. Wetmore, John W. Daniel, William F. Vilas, William F. Harrity, Abram S. Hewitt, Henry Watterson, J. C. S. Blackburn, Adlat E. Stevenson, John C. New and George P. Hoar. The travellers, women and men, are industriously

asking all their fellow-travellers and their friends cluding the politicians, to help them to celebrate December 1, which they now recognize as com-mercial travellers' day, by sending a cash donation, however small, to the fair to help complete the home. Hotels, theatres and large stores everywhere are giving the drammers promises to send a percentage of their receipts for commercial travellers day to the fair.

C. F. Wilder, b. Wilder, b.

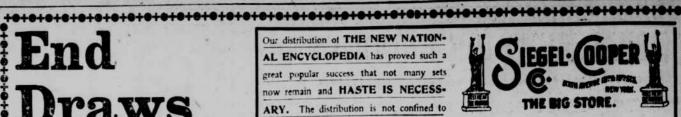
ellers day to the fair.

C. F. Wildey has decided to give to the painting, "Courtship in the Barnyard," bought fifteen years ago, and which is \$5,000. The painting was brought to this about thirt, years ago by a Mr. Hayward.

DOLL WHISTLED AND SCARED THIEF.

From The Louisville Post.

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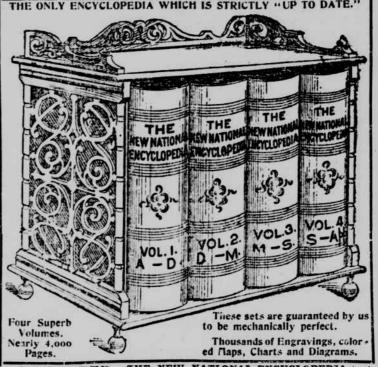
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ters. Mr. Huntington was asked by a Tribune re It is true that we talked of rallroad matters

From The Louisville Post.

A little rubber doil with a whistle in its stomach was all that saved the residence of Frank Steubling, who lives at No. 1313 Quincy-st. from being ransacked by thieves at an early hour this morning.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Steubling came to town and bought the little india rubber hero and took if home for her three-year-old child. The little gir played will the article all day long, and last night, when she retired, the doil was left lying upon the floor.

At about 2 o'clock this morning Mr. Steubling's son Jacob, who was sleeping in the room where the doil was lying, was abruptly awakened by a loud whistle. He jumped up and saw a negro glide hastily out of the room. He had awakened Mr. Steubling by stepping upon the whistle in the doil's stomach. The thief was followed to the back yard, and then chased over the commons for several squares, but finally outwitted his pursuers. Had Mr. Steubling not been outwitted his pursuers. Had Mr. Steubling not been cutwitted his pursuers. Had Mr. Steubling not been outwitted his pursuers. Had Mr. Steubling not been awakened the thefe would have carried away all the valuables in the house. He had already packed a basket with table sliverware and had it near the door.

IF HE WERE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS YOUNGER HE taking."

LIEUT, FITZGERALD'S CASE DISPOSED OF.

HE GETS OUT OF HIS DIFFICULTY BY HANDING IN HIS RESIGNATION. Washington, Oct. 3 (Special).-The case of an Army officer which has developed features tor-

by the military authorities. The officer is Lieutenant W. J. Fitzgerald, of the 7th Cavalry. He has sent his resignation to the War Department and it has been accepted. Lieutenant Fitzgeraid came into unpleasant notoriety while on duty at Fort Grant, New-Mexico. On one occasion, while entered the quarters of a brother officer and seriously frightened two women there. No man was present to call upon for assistance, and the women, after becoming calm, took the matter in hand. They ejected the heutenant, and reported the circumstances to the military authorities Shortly after this occurrence an official investigation was ordered by the War Department. The report of the officer who inquired into the facts has never been made public. It is known, however, that the inspector expertenced difficulty in getting any one at Fort Grant to testify unfavorably to Lieutenant Fitzgerald. What has been done in the case since this investigation is guarded as a secret at the War Department. Much surprise was expressed when it was officially announced that Lieutenant Fitzgerald had resigned. This ends the case, and whatever proceedings were in contemplation will be abandoned. Army officers suppose that Lieutenant Fitzgerald felt greatly humiliated at his offence, and thought a resignation the quickest and best way of caving his case disposed of.

PARDONS FOR ARMY OFFICERS.

AN INTERESTING DECISION RENDERED BY JUDGE-ADVOCATE-GENERAL LIEBER. Washington, Oct. 3 (Special).-Officers of the Army

who have suffered the loss of numbers as a result of sentences of courts-martial will be much interested in a decision which has been rendered by the Judge-Advocate-General of the Army. The case which brought about the decision is that of an officer who was some time ago sentenced to lose a certain number of "files." At the time he asked the views of the military authorities on the points he raised. He was about to be promoted to the rank of captain. He asserted that by order of the President the numbers he lost in his present grade could be restored. and he advanced reasons why such elemency should be shown in his case. Judge-Advocate-General Lieber in considering the subject looked only at the legal questions at issue. He holds that so far as the law is concerned the officer's application can be favorably acted upon. In his opinion, loss of numbers by an officer of the Army in pursuance of a court-martial sentence, is what may be called a continuing punishsentence, is what may be called a continuing punishment, and at any time previous to an officer's promotion to another grade than that held at the time of the infliction of such punishment the President can, by order, pardon the offender. The effect of such pardon would be to place the officer in his former position in his grade relatively to his brother officers. That is to say, if an officer was No. 5 in the list of first lieutenants, and four officers went over his head while he was undergoing punishment, the President could at any time before the advancement of the offender promote him tour flies, so that he would again become the senior of his former juniors. In other words, the pardon of the President would operate to restore him to his earlier military status in the matter of rank.

In the decision General Lieber carefully avoids reference to the que tion of the advisability of issuing pardons in such cases. He regards this as a matter solely for higher authority to take into account. The decision has been before the Secretary of War for several days. No action in the case of the officer who brought up the question has been taken, and it is said at the War Department that none may be expected. It is assumed, therefore, that although Secretary Lamont is aware that he can legally give back lost numbers to an officer, it is not his purpose to do so in the case under consideration.

. DEFECTIVE NAVAL DOCKS.

IT IS SAID THAT THE ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRS MAY SURPRISE CONGRESS.

&ashington, Oct. 3 (Special).-The story is heard at the Navy Department that a number of dry-docks are in bad condition, and that the estimates docks are in bad condition, at that the traction is to be presented to Congress for repairs will cause considerable surprise on the part of those who have hoped for an economical showing in naval administration. It appears that civil engineers have reported to Wasnington that the Government would find it advantageous to build durable granite instead of timber docks, as the latter are con-stantly in need of repairs. The civil engineer at the Norfolk Navy Yard has reported to the Navy Department that the ravages of the marine worm

upon the timber structure at that station have been somewhat serious, and he has asked that prompt steps be taken for the preservation of the dock, suggesting that this course be observed with out waiting for a specific appropriation from Con-gress. The Bureau of Yards and Docks has accordingly set aside \$10,000 for covering the timber with copper.

It seems that creosoting material for timber drydo ks does not preserve them from the worms. The Norfolk Navy Yard is used as an instance by naval officers to show that granite docks are vastly superior and in the long run more economical than timber docks. At that navy yard there is a stone dock near the timber dock which is over sixty years old and is in excellent condition. Practically it requires no tepairs, officers say, while the timber dock, only seven years old, is in danger of soon becoming worthless. It is expected that Commodore Matthews will refer to this in his forthcoming annual report. Officers fear that, owing to the large amount of money necessary to build one granite dock, Congress may not approve of the building of such structures. Timber docks cost much less to erect. Few naval officers can be found, however, who do not say that in the long run granite docks are much cheaper than those built of wood. do ks does not preserve them from the worms

A POETS FEELINGS HURT.

THE OLD SALT ON THE BATTERY WALL CRITT-CISES THE NAMES OF THE SCOWS.

was a tough-looking customer as he sat idle on the Battery sea wall the other day, kicking his heels against the stones. He wore an old suit of shoddy that had once been blue, but was now sadly faded by exposure to nobody knows how many years of wind and weather. The trousers—no, the "pants"—were guiltless of suspenders, and the shirt-he wore no coat-was open away down upon his breast. But for all his disreputable appearance the old fellow was a poet.
"Say, mate," he said to the man who was fishing

just beside him, "see that old tub floatin' across by th' island? What d'ye think o' the name they give 'er?' The fisherman glanced out where the old salt

pointed. Then he jerked in his line with a grunt and threw it out again. "Did y" ever see a more lubberly, lumbersome whale of a caraf in all yer time? See how she loafs

along. Might think she's sailin' through mud. Ugly round nose, narsty brown decks—an' they call her Annie Laurie! Ain't it a condemn shame, not ter say a outrage? Hey?" The fisherman continued to fish.

"I say it is," continued the poet solemnly, nothing daunted by the silence of the other. "It's a outrage, the way they paste ther most beautif'i names yer've read about when yer was boys onto ther lumberenest old raf's in the bay.

"Why, they's a craft up the river now that's like 'nuff ter give yer scurvy jist ter look at 'er. She has ter be pushed aroun' and pulled aroun' wherever she goes—can't even crawl herself. An' what d'yer think they christened her? John Anderson! Fac'.

John Anderson my Jo, John.
When fust we was acquent,
Yer locks was like ther raven.
Yer bonny brows was brent.

"Just ter think uvit!"

He relapsed into silence, shaking his head mourafully,
"They's ernother of scow—may I be stowed in
Davy Jones's locker if thar she ain't now, aploughin' down stream in tow o' the tug, What
d'yer think's in 'er? Mud. What d'yer think 'll
be in 'er termorrer? Swill. An' what d'yer think
she's christened? Maud, for a fac'!

Come int' ther gard'n, Maud, Fer ther black bat night hez flown; Come int' ther gard'n, Maud, I'm here et ther gate erione.

"Et ther gate erlone. Ain't it awful?
"When I wuz a skipper," he went on, "twenty year ago, I had er ship thet was rightly christened. She was ther sprightlies' little bark you ever see. Never a gale she couldn't weather, an's she danced on the foam fer many er year an'et, was me thet walked her deck. You'd oughter seen her dainty nose an' her beautif' close and her trim little arms. She was christened the Annabel Lee. An' thet's who she was, too. Nobody else, But this 'ere Annie Laurie is what I can't git over. Annie Laurie—

Her brow was like ther mow drif'.

The fisherman drew in his line and went away, but the old skipper sat on the Battery wall until the setting sun threw its last warm radiance on the Statue of Liberty and on the ugly nose and the "narsty, brown decks" of Annie Laurie as she lumbered over toward the Jersey shore.

BOOTBLACKS WIT. From The Detroit Free Press.

Newsboys are cute and impudent. One of the fraternity, who had a blacking kit over his shoulder, accosted a seedy-looking old man on the corner of Grand River and Woodward aves.

"Bay, boss, want a shine?"

"No, my boy," answered the old man; "I used to cut up shines once, but I'm too old now."

This eloquence took away the boy's breath for a moment, then he asked, with great apparent sincerity:

"Don't you have to pay taxes, boss?"

"Whaffor?" inquired the old man.

"Real estate on your shoes, boss."

